



Crop Progress and Condition

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Idaho Row Crop Harvest Continued Between Storms

There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho last week, down from 5.7 the previous week. Idaho farmers worked the fields hard to harvest the remaining row crops. An early freeze two weeks ago and some additional moisture this past week delayed the potato and onion harvests and raised some quality concerns. The beet harvest continued to ramp up. Harvest progress was reported near the five year average. Pasture conditions continued to deteriorate throughout the state as growth slowed due to cooler temperatures. There was snow in the high county. The temperature dropped to the mid to low 20's. Some clear days allowed farmers to finish harvesting hay in several counties. A few acres of corn were harvested, but much of the grain corn remained in the fields to dry down.

Cool and Wet Weather Pattern In Oregon

There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down from 6.5 the previous week. In northern coastal Oregon, there were several reports of inclement weather this past week. Some soils were too saturated for fall fieldwork. Most grains were planted. There was some concern over the ability to get the hemp crop harvested and dried. Corn silage harvest wrapped up. Most silage fields were replanted with grass rotation and winter cover crop. In north central Oregon, producers continued seeding wheat. Most producers started seeding earlier this year due to the great moisture in the ground. Fall calving continued. In southwest Oregon, significant precipitation was reported along the coast. The cranberry crop continued to look good. The hemp harvest continued in this part of the state as well. Labor shortage and cool rainy weather impacted several of the hemp producers. The periodic light showers were troublesome for the wine grape harvest in the Umpqua Valley. Growers reported many flat bottom ground vineyards with large canopies lost crops due to Botrytis molds while waiting for the grapes to reach desired brix levels. The hillside vineyards did not experience the serious mold losses of the flat land vineyards. Apple harvest neared completion. A couple late varieties remained in orchards. Hazelnut harvest also moved along well. Only a few minor delays were caused by the occasional showers. In south central and southeast Oregon, weather conditions continued to challenge farmers putting up hay. Numerous days of rain and cooler temperatures made for slow drying weather for the hay crop.

Washington Weather Delayed Fieldwork

There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 5.4 days suitable the previous week. A few breaks in the Pacific storm systems allowed farmers in Western Washington to get out into fields and continue the slog through harvest. Wet conditions delayed field preparation for fall planted crops. Portions of many fields had standing water. The Puget Sound islands had most of their livestock on harvested feed. Pastures rebounded with cool season grasses. It was rainy on the islands. Vegetable crops on CSA farms wrapped up, but squash was still being harvested. Many operators reseeded pastures. Wet lowlands in Snohomish County stopped trucks from getting into fields, which stalled corn silage harvest. Similarly, wet conditions in Chelan and Douglas Counties caused some producers to replant winter wheat. Previously planted wheat was in good condition. Apple harvest continued. Rain also delayed pickers. Late fall pastures were in good condition, and some producers were weaning calves before winter. Yakima County had freezing temperatures early in the week, but nighttime temperatures warmed up to the mid-40s by the end of the week. Daytime temperatures peaked in the mid-60s. Squash was being harvested, while other vegetable crops were wrapped up. Black plastic and irrigation tubing were taken off fields. Hop harvest in Yakima Valley was complete. Apple harvest was 65% complete. Red Delicious, Fuji, and Granny Smith were still being harvested. Lincoln County had cooler temperatures and rain. Some wheat was still waiting to be harvested. Heavy rain in Adams County halted field work. Douglas County had light snow showers. Asotin and Garfield Counties had snow stick to fields above 3,500 feet elevation. Operators seeded fields below 3,500 feet. Windy conditions delayed some spraying and seeding. Columbia and Walla Walla Counties wrapped up wheat planting. Harvesting efforts in Whitman County were hampered by rain.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/20/19

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	10	20	62	8
Oregon.....	8	12	79	1
Washington.....	1	23	69	7
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	10	24	63	3
Oregon.....	12	36	50	2
Washington.....	2	28	69	1

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/20/19

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	4	13	36	42	5
Oregon.....	5	28	34	22	11
Washington.....	5	17	31	44	3
Winter wheat					
Washington.....	1	3	23	65	8
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	4	7	82	7
Washington.....	-	-	23	69	8
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	-	14	54	32

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/20/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	83	72	93	91
Winter wheat emerged.....	50	39	59	62
Potatoes harvested.....	90	85	91	90
Sugarbeets harvested.....	45	33	47	50
Field corn harvested for grain	32	28	63	48
Field corn harvested for silage	95	88	95	93
Dry edible beans harvested	88	83	100	100
Onions harvested	95	90	99	96
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	76	74	78	78

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/20/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	85	76	67	75
Winter wheat emerged.....	46	32	24	33
Potatoes harvested.....	94	90	86	(NA)
Sugarbeets harvested.....	49	46	67	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain	56	49	49	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage	81	67	79	(NA)
Onions harvested	95	90	83	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

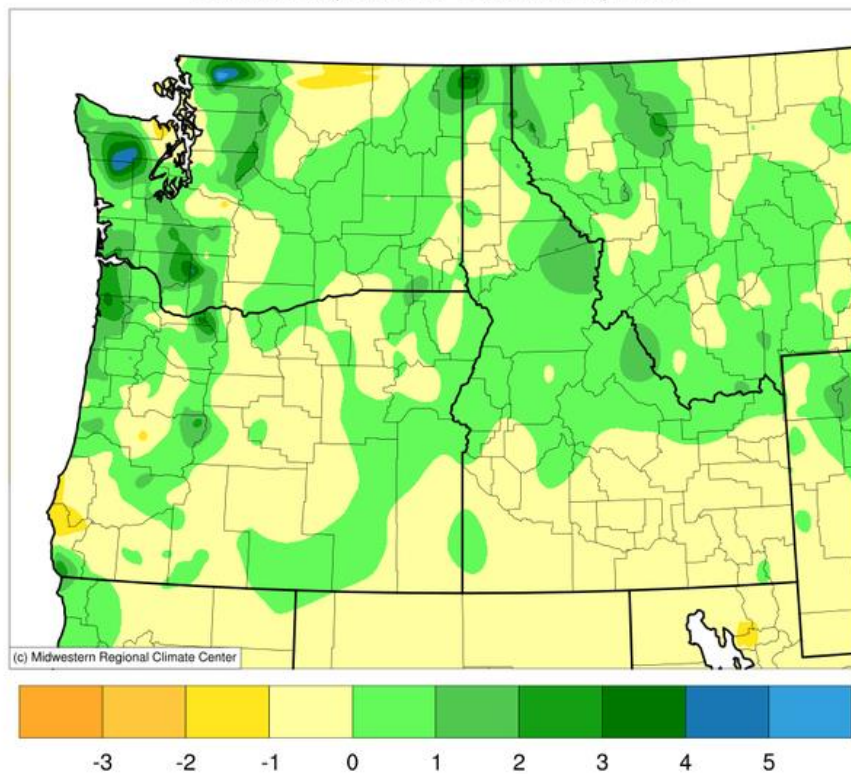
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/20/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	86	79	91	89
Winter wheat emerged.....	66	47	52	65
Barley harvested.....	95	93	100	100
Potatoes harvested.....	84	81	85	89
Sugarbeets harvested.....	95	79	67	(NA)
Field corn mature.....	89	74	91	77
Field corn harvested for grain	24	12	61	44
Field corn harvested for silage	85	77	90	90
Dry edible beans harvested	94	86	97	99
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	78	74	76	87

(NA) Not available.

Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

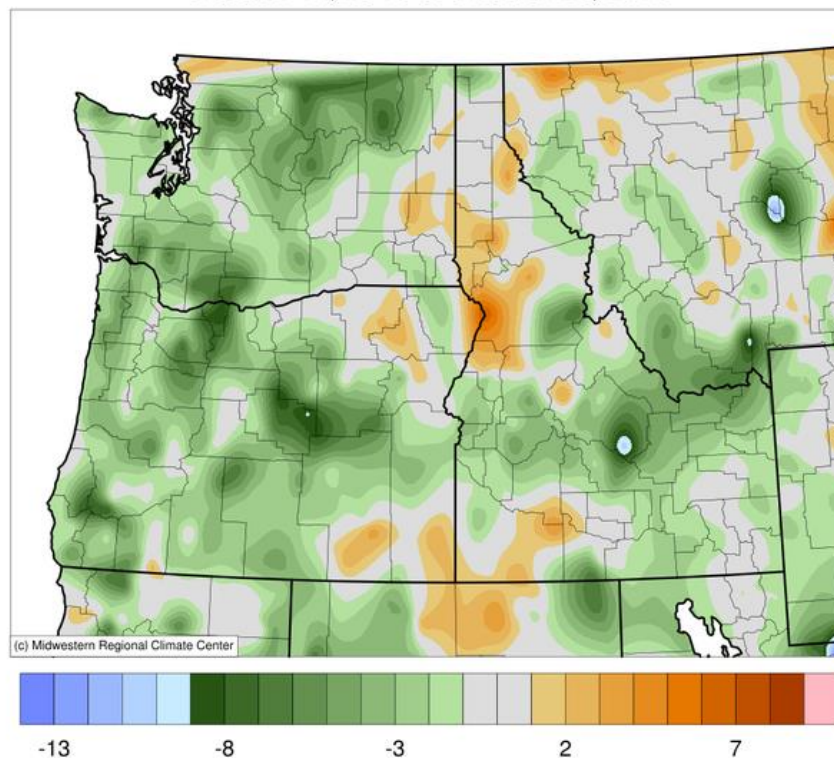
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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 14, 2019 to October 20, 2019



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